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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Peor de Silva

THROUGH: [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: Briefing of Officers Assigned to Saigon Station

1. [REDACTED] DC/FE Support, suggested that SAVA might develop the outline for a briefing program designed to assist officers going to Saigon Station. In conversations with personnel from FE Division, [REDACTED] and the DBI there appears to be no doubt in the value of a briefing program on Vietnam. I have explored some of the substantive and administrative details for such a briefing program. Classroom space in this building exists but whether or not it can be made available is in doubt. The library has prepared an updating of their bibliography on Vietnam but there are limited copies of books available which would have to be corrected. Graphics Registry has a large library of films on Vietnam, some of which have been screened and appear useful for orientation purposes. OSR is willing to undertake the administration of a briefing program but would require considerable substantive assistance from FE Division. With the number of personnel programmed for Vietnam during the next nine months it appears that if a briefing program is undertaken, it should occur about once a month with about [REDACTED] officers in attendance. If it is decided that a briefing program should be conducted, a decision which belongs with the Division and Branch, then the program should be sponsored by FE [REDACTED] SAVA may be able to assist the Branch in a staff capacity.

2. Attached hereto is a five-day course outline for consideration, bibliography and listing of films.

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[REDACTED]
Vietnamese Affairs Staff

3 Attachments

cc: FE [REDACTED]

DC/FE [REDACTED]

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Remarks:

The attached paper gives us a good idea of what the Task Force wants to cover in the 5-day orientation. [redacted] has talked with [redacted] and his staff. [redacted] feels -- and I agree -- that this program is outside the Intelligence School's area of competence and should be an Ops School program. Time is short -- they want the first running in November.

I'm inclined to agree. see [redacted] then me. I showed this to C/OS - 22 Sep - P

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